GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:891
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IMPORT OF MOTORCYCLES AND SCOOTERS
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of fake motorcycles and scooters are being imported from China with brand-names of two major Japanese automobile companies;

(b) whether those automobile companies have approached the Government to take measures to stop the import and marketing of these fake motorcycles and scooters;

(c) if so, the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the total number of motorcycles and scooters imported from China in past three months;

(e) whether the large imports of motorcycles and scooters from China have adversely affected the Indian manufacturers of these items; and

(f) if so, the action taken/being taken to protect their interests?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (c): Motorcycles and Scooters are freely importable w.e.f. 1.4.2001 vide DGFT, Department of Commerce Notification No.2(RE-2001)/1997-2001 dated 31.3.2001. As per records, neither has any complaint about import of fake motorcycles and scooters from China with brand-names of two major Japanese automobile companies been received, nor has any automobile company approached the Government to take measures to stop the import and marketing of fake motorcycles and scooters.

(d) As per provisional data available for the month of April and May 2001, only 7 (seven) motorcycles, including Mopeds, have been imported from China with a total value of Rs.1.57 lakh (approx).

(e)&(f): Do not arise.